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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN REACTION TO ISRAELI VIOLATION OF  
- U.S. AGREEMENTS ON USE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. WE ARE GETTING MIXED SIGNALS ON ISRAELI VIOLATIONS  
OF U.S. AGREEMENTS RE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND U.S.  
REACTION THERETO. SUBJECT BEING WIDELY DISCUSSED HERE  
IN OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE CIRCLES. EGYPTIAN MEDIA HAVE  
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CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF U.S. STATEMENTS FAIRLY FACTUALLY,  
ALTHOUGH PASSAGE IN SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SPEAKER  
O'NEILL THAT A VIOLATION "MAY" HAVE OCCURRED WAS  
GENERALLY INTERPRETED HERE AS RECOGNITION THAT VIOLA-  
TION HAD OCCURRED (CAIRO 10295). TODAY'S CAIRO  
DAILIES HEADLINE DEPT'S CONFIRMATION THAT ISRAELIS  
USED "PROHIBITED BOMBS" (CBUS) AGAINST CIVILIANS IN

LEBANON IN VIOLATION OF AMERICAN LAW AND THE 1952 ARMS SUPPLY AGREEMENT. STORIES NOTE STATEMENT THAT CBUS RESTRICTED UNDER AMERICAN LAW AND THAT ISRAELI ACTION "CONFLICTS WITH THESE RESTRICTIONS." THEY ALSO QUOTE DEPT SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THIS VIOLATION WILL NOT PREVENT U.S. FROM SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH ARMS AND \$4 BILLION WORTH OF WEAPONS BEING DELIVERED TO ISRAEL AT PRESENT TIME. STORIES MENTIONED SECRETARY MESSAGE TO O'NEILL ADVISING NO ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST ISRAEL IN VIEW OF EFFORTS WITH PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND ISRAELI ASSURANCE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH LEBANON.

2. PRESS HAS GENERALLY VIEWED USG REACTION AS TOO SOFT. APRIL 8 GUMHURIYYA CARRIED ARTICLE BY COLUMNIST KAMIL ZUHAYRI NOTING THAT F-15S WERE USED TO ATTACK SOUTHERN LEBANON, DAMUR AND AWZA'I AND LEVELED WHOLE VILLAGES TO THE GROUND. ZUHAYRI EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT LENGTHY USG SILENCE AND MILD U.S. STATEMENT WHICH REFUSE CENSURE ISRAEL FOR VIOLATION. TODAY'S AHRAH CALLED ON USG TO PLAY "HISTORIC ROLE" SINCE SHE "RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ISRAELI ACTS IN AREA." "THOSE WHO SPEAK ABOUT PEACE," EDITORIAL CONTINUES, MUST STOP WEAPONS SUPPLY AS LONG AS ISRAEL OCCUPYING ANY PART OF ARAB TERRITORY.

3. THESE THEMES, WITH ONLY MINOR VARIATIONS, HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE BY OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE EGYPTIANS WITH WHOM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE HAVE HAD CONTACT PAST FEW DAYS. GENERAL REACTION IS GRATIFICATION THAT WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED ISRAELI VIOLATIONS, BUT DISAPPOINTMENT THAT OUR REACTION HAS NOT BEEN STRONGER. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CBUS HAD BEEN USED. AT FONMIN'S DINNER LAST EVENING, VARIOUS EGYPTIAN MINISTERS WHO WERE PRESENT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THIS AND HOPE THAT USG WOULD SHARPLY TAKE ISRAELIS TO TASK FOR THIS VIOLATION. PREDICTABLY, RECURRENT SUGGESTION WAS THAT FURTHER ARMS ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE STOPPED.

4. ON THE MORE POSITIVE SIDE, KAMEL HIMSELF SAID HE WAS PLEASED AT OUR CATEGORIC STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL HAD VIOLATE ITS AGREEMENT WITH US. HE NOTED STATEMENT HAD BEEN CAST IN MORE FORTHRIGHT TERMS THAN WITH PREVIOUS ONE THAT VIOLATION MAY HAVE OCCURRED. HE DID NOT ASK FOR ANY SPECIFIC ACTION, BUT THOUGHT OUR STATEMENT WILL BE DAMAGING TO ISRAEL IN TERMS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. PROMINENT PARLIAMENTARIAN GAMAL OTEIFY ALSO LIKED OUR CBU STATEMENT. HE SAID PA FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAD EARLIER IN DAY DEBATED MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND HAD FOR FIRST TIME IN A LONG

TIME NOT BEEN CRITICAL OF WHAT IS WIDELY VIEWED AS  
UNLIMITED U.S. TOLERANCE OF ANYTHING DONE BY ISRAEL.  
BOTH KAMEL AND OTEIFY ASKED FOR COPIES OF PERTINENT  
1952 EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. SINCE THESE ARE PUBLISHED IN  
TREATY SERIES, COPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THEM. EILTS

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